

### REMARKS

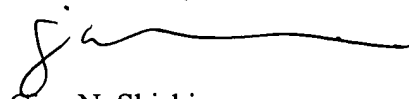
Claims 1 and 4 are amended, claims 38-40 are added, and nonelected claims 23-36 are cancelled herein. Thus, the active claims in this case are claims 1, 3, 4, 7-20, 22, and 37-40. Appendix A contains a copy of the claims believed to be pending in this case. Support for the amendments can be found in the Specification at least at page 5, lns. 13-16; page 12, lns. 23-24; page 13, lns. 23-25; and page 16, lns. 1-4. Applicant submits that no new matter is being introduced.

Applicant notes that the nonelected invention, as described in Paper #7, was stated as corresponding to claims 23-36, while in Paper #8, the claims were said to be claims 22-36. Applicant has cancelled claims 23-36 herein to comply with the Paper #7, which correctly states the claims corresponding to the nonelected invention.

Applicant further notes that the amendments of claim 1 and 4 were previously made in a Response to Final Office Action, submitted on June 1, 2000. The Advisory Action dated July 6, 2000 stated the amendments were not entered, but in a subsequent conversation with Examiner Turner, which Applicant's representative appreciates, it was indicated that the amendment to at least claim 1 would be entered. In case the previous amendments have not yet been entered, Applicant renews them herein.

Applicant has submitted a fee for a three-month extension of time with this submission. It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10008013/01985.

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